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In re the Application of: **Takayuki USAMI, et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.